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***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 02/10/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the applicant has elected expanded perlite as the performance enhancing active. However, expanded perlite has not been disclosed as a performance enhancing active in the specification. Also, a majority of the newly listed claims include activated carbon as the performance-enhancing active which would thereby be withdrawn from prosecution as being directed to a non-elected species. As such, it is unclear as to whether the elected species of absorbent material of bentonite and the performance active of perlite was the invention the applicant wishes to prosecute. Clarification is required.. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


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